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## GRAB CAME OF RUSSIA

IS BECOMING SO APPARENT THAT SOME NOTICE MUST BE TAKEN OF IT.

### RUSSIA IS READY FOR WAR

And While Pretending to Withdraw From Manchuria Has Really Been Strengthening Her Position

Pekin, May 8.—The Russians, it is announced, have reoccupied New Chwang with a large force and have put garrisons in the forts at the mouth of Liao river and are making extensive warlike preparations.

News of Russian activity which comes from a trustworthy source at New Chwang adds that on their return to New Chwang the Russian troops brought with them several large guns. A large force has been ordered to reoccupy Tien Shwang. Tai. The Russians have fourteen thousand troops between the mouth of Liao river and Port Arthur.

Russia's latest maneuver is interpreted as being intended as a reply to China's refusal to grant Russia's demands, to the protests of the powers, and as a declaration that she is ready to fight in order to maintain possession of Manchuria. It is considered significant that the Russian army re-occupied certain strategic posts just about the time the naval re-inforcements were reaching the Gulf of Pe Chi Li. The temporary withdrawal of the Russian troops from New Chwang is believed to have been a feint to avert suspicion from the contemplated policy until the Russian squadron was within useful distance. It has been reported recently that Russia was accumulating great stores of provisions and war materials. It is impossible to confirm these reports; but it is known that the Russian military authorities have been buying many horses. All the available information indicates that Russia is preparing to increase and not decrease her forces in Manchuria.

The foreign ministers yesterday discussed information to the effect that the Russians had taken a large tract of land across the river from New Chwang, commanding the terminus of Shan Hai Kwan railroad. It was stated that Russia informed the Chinese officials that the tract was needed for Russian drill ground.

The selection of the site seemed remarkable, because all of the troops were then quartered on the opposite side of the river, several miles distant, where plenty of land was available.

It is stated here that Russian influence is being exercised to conciliate American opinion and that appeals are being made to the traditional friendship of the two nations, with the argument that Russian development of Manchuria will open a great field for American commerce, while the opposition of the United States to Russia's plans might provoke retaliation against American trade.

Official Confirmation. Washington, May 8.—The state department has received official confirmation from its agents in China of the increase of the Russian garrison in New Chwang Manchuria and there is reason to believe, if President Roosevelt approves, that it is preparing to take vigorous steps in the matter. It is stated the department has had its patience taxed by the course of events in Manchuria and that it now contemplates a more radical step than any which has heretofore marked the negotiations between the powers on the subject. The proposed step contemplates joint action by Japan, England and the United States which will have the effect of convincing Russia of the united determination of the three nations to insist upon Russia's evacuation of Manchuria while not actually committing the United States to a formal alliance. This program is subject to the approval of the president.

### THE PRESIDENT DENIES

That He Has Been In Communication With Hay Concerning Manchuria.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—The attention of President Roosevelt was today called to a despatch from Washington stating that Secretary Hay was in communication with him regarding Russia in Manchuria. It was further asserted that Hay was only awaiting the president's approval of his course to take vigorous action, even to the extent of a joint protest by Japan, England and the United States.

The president said that he had received no communication from Hay regarding the affair, he had not been asked to approve of the course indicated, and in fact, had never heard of the matter before.

### SUPREME COURT APPROVES

A Verdict Allowing Damages of \$100,000 For Accidental Death.

New York, May 8.—The appellate division of the supreme court has unanimously sustained the verdict in the case of Mrs. William Lyles against the New York Central. The woman's husband was killed in the tunnel accident a year and a half ago and she sued the railroad for \$250,000, the jury allowing her \$100,000 with costs and interest. This is one of the heaviest verdicts ever granted in a case of accidental death.



Edley H. McCoolle, murderer, and his wife, Pyrie McCoolle, who was the cause of the tragedy, and who may also be indicted by the grand jury.

## THE NUMEROUS SMALL STRIKES

ARE THE CHIEF DISTURBING FACTOR IN THE COMMERCIAL WORLD AT PRESENT.

### PRICES SHOW A DECLINE

Railroad Earnings Continue Large and Weather Serves As Check on Business.

New York, May 8.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their trade review say: Unrest in the ranks of labor has increased rather than abated since May 1st, when the difficulties of this sort usually culminate. No single struggle of great magnitude is in progress, but the frequency of small strikes is disturbing, and in the aggregate a large force is idle, while important industrial undertakings are checked. The prices of commodities declined slightly during April, Dun's index number falling from 369.257 to 368.551. A year ago the highest point of recent years was touched at \$192.235. Railway earnings for April were 13.4 per cent larger than last year and 2.3 per cent above 1901. Cancellation of orders where deliveries failed to be made according to contract and new business at lower quotations indicate the tendency toward more normal conditions in pig iron. This is highly desirable, and gives assurance that the present activity in iron and steel may be maintained.

Implement manufacturers are surpassing all records in their purchases of merchant steel, machine shops are working at full capacity, and there is brisk demand for plates, pipes and tubes. The trade in hardware is of good volume, orders assuring activity for some time and new business still coming forward freely. With the large print mills closed, there is no activity in print cloth, nor is the movement of brown sheetings and drills of any account. More woolen mills have closed, and the market is featureless.

Failures this week were 175 in the United States against 218 last year.

Business continues large and industry active, in most cases surpassing previous years at this date, despite unseasonably cool weather in some sections and a swarm of vexatious labor troubles. The enormous gain in gross railway earnings reported for April, fifteen per cent over the best previous years, is proof of the past good reports of trade and the traffic is fully justified. The usual lull in the wholesale trade allows of some retrospects and reflections as to the future. Iron production is at the maximum, but pig iron is dull and dropping. In sharp contrast with the cruder forms is the strength and activity in steel and the

continued active sale for finished products.

Men's wear woolen goods are not being taken hold of freely, and some shortening of running time is possible at New England mills. Wool moves fairly, though mostly at concessions, and the disturbed condition of raw cotton prices having reached the highest point in over two years, holds back trade for fall, though rather more of a disposition to do business has been manifested by buyers this week.

Strikes and lockouts interfere with trade in lumber and other building material particularly at New York. On the other hand, the shoe industry seems exceptionally active.

Western dry goods, grocery, hardware, clothing and millinery jobbers note good orders and the volume looked exceeds a year ago. Southern trade is affected by unseasonably cold weather holding back business and complicating the crop situation in cotton, fruits and vegetables.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week, 2,202,000 bushels against 2,302,000 last year. For the fiscal year, 191,503,000 bushels against 219,167,000 last season.

Corn exports 1,632,000 bushels against 127,000 year ago. For the fiscal year, 51,012,000 against 25,655,000 last season.

The Bank Statement. New York, May 8.—A statement compiled by Bradstreet's shows the total bank clearings of the principal cities of the United States for the week, \$2,318,353,707, a decrease of 27.3 per cent compared with the corresponding week last year.

### THIS AIR SHIP WORKED

LeBaudy Brothers' Vessel Answered Her Helm and Sailed Partially Against Wind.

### SATISFACTORY TO THE BUILDERS

Paris, May 8.—The airship constructed for LeBaudy Brothers made a successful trip today under pilot Juhmes and Engineer Rey. The start was made at 9 a. m. from St. Martin during a light rain and with a brisk wind blowing. The craft passed over a number of suburban towns. At Marly-lez-Lyon she made a circle around the cathedral spire and left that town, going diagonally against the direction the wind was coming from. Over Li-may, Mantex and Fosny the air ship was put through a series of evolutions and answered her helm and maneuvered to the perfect satisfaction of all interested. She then returned to her point of departure, where she descended without accident. The distance was 37 kilometers in one hour, and 36 minutes, against Santos-Dumont's record for the Deutsch prize of 11 1-2 kilometers in 30 minutes.

Colombia Congress Called. Colon, Colombia, May 8.—Official news has just reached the isthmus from Bogota, to the effect that congress has been called for June 20.

Pennsylvania Won. Philadelphia, May 8.—The dual track meet between Pennsylvania and Columbia universities today was won by Pennsylvania 68 to 49.

## MACHEN IS RELIEVED

FROM DUTY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE DELIVERY BUREAU OF P. O. DEPARTMENT.

### M. C. FOSNES TAKES CHARGE

No Charges are Made Against Machen and the Arrangement May be Only Temporary.

Washington, May 8.—Postmaster General Payne has relieved A. W. Machen, general superintendent of the free delivery service, from duty pending the result of the postoffice department investigation, and has assigned M. C. Fosnes, formerly director of posts in Cuba, to take charge of the free delivery service.

Fosnes will assume charge tomorrow and at the same time the free delivery service will pass under the control of the fourth assistant postmaster general. Heretofore it has been under the jurisdiction of the first assistant. The action was taken on the recommendation of Four Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who is directing the investigation of the affairs of the department, that the transfer of Machen's bureau to his jurisdiction and its administration by the postoffice inspector, would expedite the investigation. Postmaster General Payne said that the permanency of the change would depend upon the results of the investigation. No charge against Machen is made in the correspondence concerning the transfer.

Machen said tonight that he is confident that he can rebut any allegations that may be made against him, and declares his ability to meet any and all charges.

Former Representative Loud of California, who was chairman of the house committee on postoffices and postroads, has spent much time during the past two or three days in conference with Postmaster General Payne, First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne and Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow. Loud and Machen have been at odds officially for



WILL C. M'NIER, Victim of the Tragedy.

### THE ROOSEVELT HEIRS WIN

And the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Must Pay Them Over \$42,000 for Land Taken.

### HAVE LITIGATED FOR YEARS

Chicago, May 8.—The Roosevelt heirs including the president were awarded a verdict for \$42,435 today in condemnation suit brought by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, involving a strip of land in Stewart avenue. The decision marks the close of a litigation waged for fifteen years for the possession of the property on which a section of the railroad's main track is laid.

The Roosevelt heirs own an abutting property facing the tracks and when the thoroughfare was vacated by the city ordinance for the Pennsylvania right of way, they refused to sanction the proceeding and brought suit and the series of actions finally reached the supreme court where a decision ousting the company and ordering the tracks torn up instantly was rendered. Condemnation proceedings then followed.

The contempt proceedings are still pending because of the company's refusal to tear up its tracks and vacate the premises.

### Dennison's Death.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 8.—The body of Charles Dennison of the firm of Sidney, Shepard & Co., of Buffalo and Chicago, who mysteriously disappeared several weeks ago, was found in the Niagara river below the falls today.

### ARBITRATION AT OMAHA

To Settle Strike Trouble—Machinists at Beloit.

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—At a conference this afternoon between Governor Mickey and the representatives of the business men's association and the labor unions, a plan of arbitration was reached. The committee of fifteen with the governor as chairman, will act as arbitrators. The committee will be agreed upon tomorrow.

### Machinists Strike.

Beloit, Wis., May 8.—Three hundred machinists of the Berlin Machine Works struck today for a nine hour day and an increase of wages and recognition of the union.

### SERIOUS CHARGES MADE.

By Street Car Men Against Government Officials at New Orleans.

Pittsburg, May 8.—The convention of Amalgamated Street Railway Employees today adopted a series of resolutions which were telegraphed to President Roosevelt. These set forth that at San Francisco and New Orleans during strikes, letters addressed to union men were opened and photographed copies given to their employers; that contrary to the ruling of the postmaster general United States mail signs were placed on cars not carrying mails during the strikes. The convention claimed to have undisputed proof of these charges.

### HAS PRACTICALLY RESIGNED

Ill Health Impels Archbishop Kain to Seek a Sanitarium.

St. Louis, May 8.—In the hope of restoring his shattered health, Archbishop Kain, will next Monday go to Baltimore, where he will enter St. Agnes sanitarium. His stay will be indefinite and the archbishop says that he may never return. His departure is equivalent to his resignation of the St. Louis archbishopric.

### THE STRIKE WILL END.

Some of the Laundrymen at Chicago Sign the Scale.

Chicago, May 8.—Twenty-three members of the Laundry Owners Association broke away from the organization and signed the scale demanded by the strikers. As a consequence the other members have agreed to arbitrate the differences with the employers.

### THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

May Be Solved By Education, Economy and Industry.

Chicago, May 8.—Booker T. Washington addressed an audience that packed the Auditorium. His topic was the solution of the negro problem, and he discussed it along the lines he had often laid down before, education, economy and industry.

### At Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—President Roosevelt and party dined with the state officials and invited guests this evening. At eight o'clock the president reviewed the electrical parade which was the closing feature of the day's celebration. Later, he was driven about town. The presidential train will leave at 6 a. m. for Ventura.

### Japan Is Protesting.

Yokohama, May 8.—There are persistent reports in circulation regarding the movement of Russian troops along Yalu river. Detachments have entered Korea ostensibly to protect the Russian timber concessionaries and a large body of Russian troops is reported approaching Wium Korea. The Japanese government is protesting against these actions.

### Red Cross Knights.

Peoria, Ill., May 8.—The Grand Imperial Council of Red Cross Knights of Constantine, having jurisdiction over the territory west of Ohio, elected T. W. Hagan, of Duluth, grand sovereign; Robert M. Johnson, of Chicago, grand viceroy; Frank P. Sargent, of Peoria, grand senior grand. Charities were granted to St. Joseph, Joplin, Mo., and Omaha, Neb.

### Attempt at Train Wrecking.

Denver, Colo., May 8.—An attempt was made last night to wreck the east-bound express train on the Burlington road by stacking ties on the track near Barr, eighteen miles east of Denver. It is supposed that bandits had planned to ditch the train and rob the passengers and express car.

### New Plea for Injunction.

St. Louis, May 8.—The commercial telegrapher's union of America today filed a petition in the federal court asking Judge Adams to issue an injunction to restrain the Western Union Telegraph company from discharging members of the union.

### On the Right Side.

Madison, Wis., May 8.—The University of Wisconsin tonight defeated Iowa college in debate. The question was: "Resolved that protective tariff is better for the United States than a tariff for revenue only." Wisconsin had the affirmative.

Madison, Wis., May 8.—In conformity with the governor's message on railroad freight rates today the assembly committee on railroads tonight introduced a bill prohibiting an increase in freight rates in Wisconsin.

### The Indications.

Washington, May 8.—Illinois—Fair Saturday and Sunday; fresh northeast winds, shifting to southeast.

### Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Friday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Connors, government observer:

7 a. m. ....49	Highest .....80
Noon .....75	Lowest .....44
7 p. m. ....68	

## SPRINGFIELD WON

TOOK FIRST PLACE IN BOTH THE ORATORICAL AND THE ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

### DECATUR CAME IN FOURTH

Running of Moore of Decatur Was a Feature—Van Guilder Made Hammer Throw Record.

Springfield, May 8.—Springfield took everything in the Corn Belt Oratorical and Athletic contest at Springfield Friday. The meet was a great success in every way, there being about 3000 persons at the state fair grounds where the meet was held. The Decatur crowd numbering about one hundred and seventy-five went on a special train at 8 in the morning and returned after the oratorical contest, getting home a little after 12 o'clock. The Decatur team was made up of the following persons: Walter Van Guilder, Richard Moore, Harry Crea, Guy Harrison, Leslie Gutz, Fred Benton. Vanguilder won first medal in the hammer throw. Crea took second in the bicycle races and Moore two seconds in the dashes. Sidney Covington went over as a judge in the meet instead of T. E. Hayward, who was unable to attend.

In the oratorical contest in the evening at the high school and the First Methodist church, there was a big crowd in each place. Each contestant spoke twice because neither place was large enough to hold the crowd.

About 1200 people in all heard the contest, which was not very satisfactory on the whole. The first place was given to Harry Spence, the representative of Springfield. The second place was given to a girl named Estella Saffer from Mason City. The third was given to Lee Connor of Lincoln. John Evans was specially mentioned, and was given fourth place though he was expected to rank higher, after he had delivered his oration. His friends thought he deserved nothing less than first place. The judges, Superintendent Alfred Baylis, Jesse Black, a judge of Pekin, and Dr. L. C. Lord of Charleston.

### Track Events.

50 yard dash—First, Stevenson, Mason City; second, Hoyt, Springfield; third, Stratton, Normal. Time 5 2-5 seconds. Former record 5 3-5 seconds. 1-4 mile bicycle race—First, Crea, Decatur; second, Ransom, Havana. Time 37 seconds. Former record 37 1-2. 100 yard dash—First, R. Ransom, Havana; second, Moore, Decatur; third, Stratton, Normal. Time 10 3-5 seconds, which equals the record. Moore ran dead heat with the one securing first place and many think he was entitled to first place.

60 yard run—First, McWherten, Normal; second, Booth, Springfield; third, Pinkerton, Clinton. Time 2:14 1-5.

220 yd hurdle—First, Blanchflower, Springfield; second, Stratton, Normal; third, Drake, Havana. Time, 2:23 4-5. Equals record.

1-4 mile run—First, Ransom, Havana; second, McAfee, Lincoln; third, Pinkerton, Clinton. Time 5:4 3-5.

1 mile Bicycle—First, Funfnerburk, Springfield; second, Crea, Decatur; third, Crithfield, Atlanta. Time 2:40 3-5.

220 yd dash—First, Ransom, Havana; second, Moore, Decatur; third, Silkey, Mt. Pulaski. Time 23 3-5, lower record 2-5 seconds.

### Field Events.

Standing Broad Jump—First, Rear-don, Delavan; second, Heberling, Havana; third, Ryan, Lincoln. Distance, 9 ft. 1-2 inches.

Hammer Throw—First, Van Guilder, Decatur; second, Crea, Springfield; third, Rademacher, Clinton. Distance 133 feet, 4 inches, which beats the former record made by Van Guilder's brother last year by about 17 feet.

Standing High Jump—First, Heberling, Havana; second, Dowdy, Atlanta; third, Ryan, Lincoln. Height, 4 feet, 6 inches.

Hon. Step and Jump—First, Stevenson, Mason City; second, Blanchflower, Springfield; third, Kephart, Atlanta. Distance 49 feet, 6 1-2 inches, which beats the record by about 7 feet.

Running 1/4 mile—First, Jones, Atlanta; second, Higgins, Springfield; third, Wiley, Normal. Height, 5 ft. 4 in., which equals the record.

Shot Put—First, Cadwallader, Springfield; second, Hammett, Atlanta; third, Lord, Normal. Distance, 29 ft. 8 in., beating the record of 35 ft. 2 1-2 in.

Running Broad Jump—First, Stevenson, Mason City; second, Blanchflower, Springfield; third, Kephart, Atlanta. Distance, 29 ft. 1-2 in. The former record was 19 ft. 16 in.

Pole Vault—First, Sprague, Clinton; second, Reid, Springfield; third, Armstrong, Delavan. Height 10 ft. 4 in., which breaks the former record of 9 ft. 10 in.

Discus Throw—First, Jones, Atlanta; second, Smith, Springfield; third, Wilson, Mason City. Distance, 94 feet, 4 inches.

In the relay race about six teams started. It was expected that Decatur would win the race, but her men were tired out because they had to wait till 6:30 to run it, and when Crea ran he lost nearly 25 feet. On the finish Moore did beautifully. He passed one after another of the contestants till only the Springfield man remained about three feet ahead of him. If he had been 20 feet more to run he would have won the race. Springfield got first, Decatur second, and Normal third.

The total number of points was as follows: Springfield 44; Havana, 22; Mason City and Decatur 17; Atlanta 20, Normal 13, Lincoln 7, Clinton 9, Mt. Pulaski 0.



# MRS. M'COOLE MAY BE INDICTED WITH HUSBAND

The Grand Jury Will Be Asked to Make Searching Inquiry as to Her Part in the Tragedy.

## MAKE M'COOLE NERVOUS

The Accounts Printed in Newspapers Completely Undo Him

## THE UNCLE WITH MONEY

There is a strong probability that Mrs. Pryor McCoole will be indicted with her husband, Edley H. McCoole, for the murder of Will McCoole.

There is a growing belief that she is implicated in the crime to such an extent as will warrant her being held as an accessory.

The state has evidence to this effect and by the time the grand jury meets on Monday it is expected they will have a case against the woman as well as against her husband.

Like an Argument.

The alleged interview with the woman reads more like a legal argument prepared to create sympathy than it does like the story of one of the principals in the tragedy. It is a well known fact that it would not be possible to get the woman's story before the jury and therefore it appears a palpable attempt to get it before the people in the hope that it will arouse sympathy in her behalf.

Despite the statement made that McCoole began hearing rumors on Friday, May 1, which troubled him it is a known fact that he has been cognizant of his wife's conduct for weeks past. The fact will be established that about three weeks ago he packed his belongings and threatened to leave but afterward changed his mind. He knew the story then but possibly not so much in detail as he later learned it.

One Theory.

The theory of Mrs. McCoole's implication in the murder is based on her insane love for McCoole. The letters found on the person of the victim of the tragedy show conclusively that he had made up his mind to cast Mrs. McCoole off and take back his wife. This undoubtedly developed at the meeting with McCoole and wife last Monday morning. It will be shown that Mrs. McCoole had made every effort to separate the man she loved from his wife and that rather than let him go back to her turned in the heat of passion and told her husband all with a view to his taking revenge on McCoole.

Murder the Only Charge.

Murder is the only charge that can be made against McCoole under the law. The right of one man to kill another even though his home has been despoiled is not recognized by law. Under certain conditions the killing of one man by another for an offense such as McCoole was guilty of is manslaughter. The law provides that a husband surprises a couple under such conditions and kills one or both in the heat of passion the charge shall be manslaughter but the law also provides that after a man has had time to think the matter over and reason and then kills either of the parties it is murder.

Not Evidence.

There has been a great deal printed in the newspapers which has a bearing on the case but it will not be competent as evidence before a jury.

Still Talked Of.

The tragedy is still about the only thing talked about on the street and the question most frequently asked is, "What will a jury do with McCoole?" The indications are that the people will not have to wait very long to find out. It is the general belief that the case will be brought to a speedy trial. The grand jury meets on Monday and it will require but a short time to inquire into the murder and return an indictment. It is understood that both sides will be ready for trial at once and will be willing to immediately go ahead with the hearing. It is likely that the court will be in a position to take the matter up in about a week's time.

It is thought that J. H. Mills will be associated with C. C. Leforge in the defense of McCoole, although that arrangement has not yet been completed.

THE SCARE HEAD LINES

Of the Newspapers Responsible for Unnerving the Murderer.

Ed McCoole, the prisoner, although the central figure in the murder case, does not know very much about what is happening on the outside. He was not allowed to see a newspaper for several days.

Got Scared.

This was because he was badly frightened at one paper. When he read the big head lines and saw that a great deal had been told and that letters had been published, he showed great fright and broke down and was so nervous all night that the officers decided it would be best not to let him see any more papers.

Friday night McCoole asked to see an evening paper which contained an account of an alleged interview with Mrs. McCoole.

He was given a paper and read parts of it. He did not seem moved, but got red in the face. After reading for a time he asked if he could not have the paper and read it over at his leisure.

Deputy Hendricks told McCoole that he could keep the paper provided he would promise not to get excited and

lifted, one man who had taken no part in the talk finally said: "In this case all of my sympathies are with the one about whom the least is said. You talk not a little about the home of McCoole being ruined and that he was justified in his action. Grunting that he was justified, what should Mrs. McCoole do? Would she not be justified in taking a gun and putting a few bullets into that McCoole woman? She is the one above all others, as I see it, that is responsible for the whole business. If she had been true to her husband in the least, she would have frozen McCoole to death the first advance that he made, but evidently she didn't do it. I don't know, but perhaps she encouraged him to make another advance."

"So far the newspapers have not said anything to show that Mrs. McCoole was in any way implicated in any of the rottenness of the whole affair. She is blameless and yet she has suffered more than any of them. Her husband is dead and now McCoole and his wife are seeking to put all of the blame on McCoole who can say nothing in his own defense. He was not guilty perhaps, don't misunderstand me, but certainly it is that he was not responsible for the whole thing. It took two of them to make a bargain in the first place and Mrs. McCoole was one of the two. Mrs. McCoole has my sympathy. If she went gunning for the woman who ruined the McCoole home, I would blame her less than some of you blame McCoole."

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Miss Jessie A. Springer entertained a number of friends in honor of her 14 birthday at her home, 255 Prairie avenue. Games and music furnished the entertainment during the evening. She was the happy recipient of a number of presents.

About six o'clock they proceeded to Springer's Pure Food Cafe where an excellent supper awaited them.

The following was the menu:

Piced Spring Chicken

Cream Gravy

Shoe Sling Potatoes Hot Biscuit

Mixed Ham Salad

Pickles Olives

Salted Peanuts

Cake Frappe

Rose Ice Cream served on natural leaves.

The table was decorated with pink carnations and fern leaves. All departed to their homes wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day.

Those present were Fay Drake, Leslie Armstrong, Eleanor Armstrong, Lotie Westhafer, Lettie Underwood, Lela Lanham, Caroline Lutz, Cleo McDermott, Goldie Nixon, Bernice Farmer, Jessie Blakeney, May Wayne.

Regrets were received from Corinne Elwood and May Hostetter.

## THE FARMER ARTIST

Pays a Brief Visit to Decatur and Delivers a Picture.

A. Montgomery of Bloomington was in Decatur yesterday and delivered one of his pictures to J. M. Brownback of the Millikin National bank.

Mr. Montgomery is sometimes called the "corn" artist and again the "farmer artist." These names are given him because he chooses such homely subjects for his pictures. But this may be truthfully said, he does not over-estimate his ability in selecting a study with a high sounding or an obscure subject. He is near to nature and nature is near to him. Nothing could be more lifelike than the bunch of half a dozen ears of corn hanging on the barn door, the overturned bucket of corn, or any one of the number of pictures which he displayed at the St. Nicholas last night. All of his subjects are things familiar and for that reason, perhaps, his work appeals to the greater number of people. His work is none the less of a high order.

Light Chat With Burglar.

Just as the burglar was tiptoeing toward the dresser in the room of the suburban home, the humorist in the bed awoke and sat up.

"Why, hello there, Bill," said the humorist in the bed, cheerily to the burglar, who quickly flashed his grin on the face of the funny individual.

"How are you, pard," replied the burglar easily. "Didn't know you was awake."

"How'd you get in, old man?" easily inquired the man in bed.

"Front cellar door," replied the burglar, calmly. "It was something easy."

"I'm afraid you won't find much doing around here tonight, chum," said the funny householder, who had read of these easy little nocturnal dialogues with burglars, and was rather enjoying the experience. "I'm pretty high all out of the dough question just now. Too bad you hadn't postponed your visit till tomorrow night—to-morrow's pay day with me, and I'll have something like a couple of hundred in my jeans to-morrow night. I should think you'd keep kind of a dope book on these things, eh?"

"Oh, that's all right mate," answered the burglar. "No harm done. It is too bad I didn't wait till tomorrow night, but we've got to chance on losing out that way, y'see. I guess I'll make expenses, anyhow, before to-night's over—I've got several plants to work yet in another neighborhood. So long. I can find my way out all right, and I'll pull the door to."

"Good-by, matey," said the humorist in bed, hugely enjoying his own ease of manner in the circumstances.

"Sorry I couldn't have come to the front with a little off the duff to help you along, but you see how I'm fixed. S'long-be good!"

The burglar nodded and passed out of the room, down the stairs and out of the house. The humorist in bed chuckled softly, and when he got up the next morning he told everybody in the suburban town who would listen to him of the easy-going little talk he had had with the burglar on the night before.

That night the burglar came back to the humorist's house with a pal, put the funny man under the gun and eased him of \$214.76 and his gold watch and chain, without any superfluous conversation whatsoever.

"These incidents do not always wind up just exactly in the manner prescribed by the screech-eyekers in the comic supplements."—Washington Post.

## FALL WAS FATAL

Harry Baird, Formerly of Macon, Met a Sudden Death Near Houston, Texas, Thursday.

## REMAINS ENROUTE TO MACON

Where His Mother Now Resides—He Was Prominent N. K. of P.

Friday Mrs. Docia Baird of Macon received a telegram saying her son, Harry Baird, had been killed in Texas on Thursday and that the remains would be started home to Macon Friday night.

Harry Baird had been in Texas about two years engaged in the business of boring irrigation wells for the rice farmers and in all of his reports to his friends said that he had prospered and had all of the work that he could do contracted for months ahead. Thursday he was at work sinking a well near Houston and in the prosecution of that effort was on the derrick when he slipped and fell to the ground and was so severely injured that he died in a short time.

The deceased was married but had no children. He was a man about 35 years old and in addition to his mother is survived by one brother, Herbert Baird, now living at Canon City, Colorado.

Harry Baird was well liked by all who knew him. During his residence at Macon he was active in the work of the Knights of Pythias lodge at that place and was a past chancellor of Beacon Lodge 424.

The expectation is that the remains will arrive at Macon tonight or Sunday morning, but at this time nothing concerning the time of the funeral has been determined.

## A MUSICAL TREAT

The Recital at Congregational Church Was an Artistic Success.

One of the most pleasing musical features of the season was the concert given at the Congregational church Friday night by Bruno Steindel, the noted cellist of Chicago. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Musical Culture club. The members have on a number of occasions brought musical artists to the city. They have followed this practice for the purpose of giving the members and their friends the opportunity of hearing first class musicians and not with any intention of making money. There was a fair sized audience at the church. The selections by Mr. Steindel were excellent. He was formerly in the Thomas orchestra and is probably the most noted cellist in the country.

Mrs. Steindel accompanied her husband on the piano. The vocal numbers by Mrs. Clara Trimble, who came here with Mr. Steindel were also excellent. The program of the music was as follows:

Song, "The Piano and Cello".....Grieg

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Steindel.

Summer.....Chaminade

Fantasia Le Desir.....Servalis

Mr. Bruno Steindel.

a. Twas April.....Nevin

b. Irish Love Song.....Lang

c. Spring's Awakening.....Hawley

Mrs. C. Trimble.

a. Spanish Dance.....Popper

b. Cantabile.....Saint-Saens

c. Tarentelle.....Davidoff

Mr. B. Steindel.

a. Slave Song.....Riego

b. Fairy Lullaby.....Beach

c. Elegie (with Cello obligato).....Massenet

Mrs. C. Trimble.

Ave Maria.....Mascagni

Mrs. Trimble, Mr. and Mrs. Steindel.

After the entertainment the directors of the club were entertained by Mrs. Will Barnes at her home on West Main street.

## Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 8—Montgolian, from Glasgow; Furst Bismarck from Hamburg.

Liverpool—Aurania from New York; Celtic from New York.

Pretorium from St. John, Halifax from Antwerp; Kingstonian from Boston.

## HEAVILY INVOLVED.

A Failure Impending.

Improper feeding brings on disease. The case of coffee for instance is almost certain to cause organic life. The whole system of health becomes involved and the physical failure known as collapse is always impending. No financial trouble can cause half the suffering that follows disease and most disease comes from what we eat and drink.

It is no guess work but solid, scientific fact, that coffee hurts about 9 of every 10 that drink it. It attacks the vital organs directly, and indirectly its ill results are frequently seen in the remotest corners of the body. All the while serious organic diseases may be growing that will be hard to cure and the coffee drinker is subject to such suffering as headaches, biliousness, flatulency, insomnia, nervousness and a hundred and one other ills.

"Once upon a time, as they say in fairy tales, when I was controlled by the coffee devil," writes a lady of St. John, Canada, "life was a weary burden to me on account of the wretched headaches, utter weariness of both mind and body and general biliousness, all due to it afterwards found out to the use of coffee. Acting upon an old friend's advice I quit coffee and drank Postum and presto, in a week I was transformed into a different being."

"In a month I was gifted with bounding energy in place of my former lassitude and a general uprising of my formerly dormant ambitions was plainly evident. I benefited so greatly that I constituted myself a missionary among my friends to spread the truth about Postum and I can tell you of many of my friends who have used it with wonderful good results."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Don't go into health bankruptcy. Look into the scientific points of Postum vs. Coffee.

## WHEN ASTOR LOST FAVOR

Man Whom Expatriated American Scorned Now High Up in King's Grace

With grim satisfaction the daily papers have directed William Astor's attention to the fact that Capt. Sir A. Berkeley Milne, Bart., has been appointed commander of the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. Mr. Astor possesses a peculiar and rather uncomfortable interest in Sir A. Berkeley. To him is due Mr. Astor's studied exclusion from the inner social circles, no less a personage than the king having scratched his name from the list of eligibles in return for the snub administered Sir Berkeley several years ago.

It was during one of Mr. Astor's receptions at his Carlton terrace residence that Sir A. Berkeley Milne appeared as—Mr. Astor says—an unbidden guest. Mr. Astor asked with displeasure who he was.

"I have not the honor of the gentleman's acquaintance," he added, lolly, when given the desired information. "This was followed by a polite hint that the baronet had better withdraw."

He withdrew. So did a number of other people who regarded Mr. Astor's action as an unwarranted insult. The latter's mistake was emphasized when the king, to whom the incident was referred, sided with Sir Berkeley Milne, who, unfortunately for Mr. Astor, was one of his personal friends.

Mr. Astor's stoppage on the social ladder dated from that reception and he has gone down several rungs.

He entertains lavishly at Clevedon, his Thames river seat, but his guests are not members of the elect, and a great many people who acquaintance is indispensable for "climbers" have carefully cut him.

Sir A. Berkeley A. Milne has since received several marks of kindly favor. He was for a time commander of the old royal yacht Osborne. Like the present commander of the Victoria and Albert, Rear Admiral Hedworth Lambton, he will be passed on to something better. Rear Admiral Lambton, although still in the thirties, is to be second in command of the Channel squadron.

It would be interesting to know Mr. Astor's views on this appointment.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Clarence Gunn of Centralia was in Decatur Friday on business.

## A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Vandure of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It is infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's Guaranteed by J. E. King, N. L. Krone and McNeil & Horrell, druggists. Trial bottles 10c, regular sizes 50c and \$1.

## Long Creek.

The sick reported last week are improving slowly except Mrs. Nowlin who is no better.

Noah Fletcher shelled corn Tuesday.

Mrs. George Ashinor of Decatur who spent a few days with the family of M. D. Lindsay, has returned home again.

Mack Davidson, salesman for Leon & Morris, was calling on the farmers of this vicinity Wednesday.

Mrs. Webb of Mattoon is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Lane.

## A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. McChopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes: "A patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at J. E. King, N. L. Krone and McNeil & Horrell.

## An Old Favorite

A THRENODY FOR the AHKOOND of SWAT

By George Thomas Lanigan

GEORGE THOMAS LANIGAN, Journalist and humorist, was born in St. Charles, Canada, in 1855 and died in Philadelphia in 1886. His first occupation was that of a telegrapher, from which his natural inclinations drifted him into journalism. After establishing the Montreal Free Lance, now the Star, Mr. Lanigan went to the United States and was employed successively on the Chicago Times, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the New York World. His work as a journalist and humorist enjoyed great popularity, and his untimely death caused widespread regret. Swat is a region in central Asia, its chief being known to the natives as the "ahkoond."

[The Ahkoond of Swat is dead—London Papers of Jan. 22, 1886.]

W HAT, what, what, What's the news from Swat? Had news, Had news, Comes by the cable led Through the Indian ocean's bed, Through the Persian gulf, the Red Sea and the Med. Iteranean—he's dead! The Ahkoond is dead!

For the Ahkoond I mourn, Who wouldn't? He strove to disregard the message stern.

But he Ahkoondn't. Dead, dead, dead! (Sorrow Swats!)

Swats who has wif Ahkoond dead, Swats whom he hath often led Onward to a gory bed, Or to victory, As the case might be, Sorrow Swats!

Tears shed, Shed tears like water, Your great Ahkoond is dead! That Swats the matter!

Let Swat bury the great Ahkoond With a noise of mourning and of lamentation. Let Swat bury the great Ahkoond With the noise of the mourning of the Swatish nation!

Fallen in at length, Its lower of strength, Its sun is dimmed ere it had noon; Dead lies the great Ahkoond, The great Ahkoond of Swat Is not!

Metropolis of Swat, He sees with larger, other eyes, Altho' earth's earthly mysteries He knows what's Swat.

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